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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PARK'S VIEWS ON GROUND FORCES WITHDRAWAL

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY, MAY 27, PUT OUT PRESS STATEMENT OBJECTING TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS, INDICATING PRESIDENT PARK AND OTHER KOREAN LEADERS HAVE "ADVOCATED" REMOVAL OF GROUND FORCES FROM KOREA. STATEMENT DENIED THIS WAS THE CASE. PRESS HAS GIVEN FULL PLAY TO FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DENIAL.

2. DEFENSE MINISTER SUH CALLED IN GENERAL VESSEY TO REGISTER SIMILAR POINT, REQUESTING THAT RECORD BE CORRECTED. VICE MINISTER YUN ALSO RAISED PROBLEM WITH THE AMBASSADOR.

3. COMMENT: ROKG CONCERNS RE PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS COMMENTS UNDERSTANDABLE IN LIGHT BOTH WIDESPREAD PUBLIC CONCERNS ON GROUND FORCES WITHDRAWAL AND CLEARCUT ROKG ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. DECISION TO WITHDRAW GROUND FORCES, ALBEIT RELUCTANTLY, DURING BROWN/HABIB VISIT. WHILE PRESIDENT PARK HAS STATED ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION THAT
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AFTER COMPLETION OF FORCES IMPROVEMENT PLAN, ROKG GROUND FORCES CAN HANDLE NORTH KOREA WITHOUT U.S. GROUND FORCE, HE HAS NEVER GONE BEYOND THIS TO URGE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. GROUND FORCES. EFFORT TO PLACE PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMENTS IN THIS FRAMEWORK WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED BY ROKG.
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